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Two tobacco contaminants on lot 1678 (Indian flue-cured) were examined at the request of the Leaf Department (1). Chemical tests and spectroscopic examination (IR) indicate that one contaminant is polyvinyl chloride while the other is asbestos. Neither could be regarded as desirable components of tobacco for smoking purposes (2).

REFERENCE

(1) Memo from C. Allemand to W. Fink dated April 16, 1981.

(2) Memo from W. Fink to C. Allemand dated May 7, 1981.

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